

AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 15, 1996, GATE 1 INN

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

THESE MINUTES WILL BE READ AND REVISED AS NECESSARY FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

President Whitehead called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established. Attending were:

Ernie Schwartz, Immediate Past-President
Lynn Farmer, Director
Stan Keen, Director
Charles Turner, Director

T. E. Beck, Treasurer
Allen Lynch, Director
Mike Masters, Director

The following directors voted via proxy:

Don Jackman proxy to Charles Turner
Don Smith proxy to Charles Turner

Mike Jernigan proxy to Charles Turner
Sam Meadows proxy to Mike Masters

Committee Chairs: Margaret Beck, Advertising and Promotion

Guest: Beth Shelton

Staff: Linnelle Wilson

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 1995 meeting with the correction of spelling on I. S. Vorster. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, President Whitehead called for the Financial Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Beck reported the progress on transferring the funds from Whitewright to the First State Bank in Austin. He reported that the initial deposit of \$60,500.00 has been made to Money Market and \$20,329.94 has been made to a N.O.W. checking account. Money Market currently earns interest at 3.5%, Checking at 1.5% and the Whitewright checking at 2.0%. Considering deposits, checks and other fees the estimated cash balance in all accounts as of January 12, 1996 was \$114,993. Treasurer Beck reviewed the H & H bill for December and distributed the copies of H & H bill for the past four months as was requested at the December 8, 1996 meeting. As a result of the discussion regarding the bill, Executive Director Wilson was requested to ask the Registry Office what a "Revision" is and what does the "revision fee" cover.

Additional discussion related to the need for a fiscal year end 1995 audit. Motion was made and seconded to table discussion on the feasibility or necessity of an audit until the February meeting. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the bonding of both Treasurer Beck and Executive Director Wilson. Motion was made and seconded that both Treasurer Beck and Executive Director Wilson be bonded to the full amount of the funds each would be responsible for handling. The vote was called and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Wilson reviewed the for information report. The trial phone voice mail system is in place as was requested by the Board of Directors and the ring to on the 1-800 # has been transferred from the Whitewright office to the Austin office as the Board of Directors requested. The Board of Directors discussed the mechanism for assuring that no additional checks are written on the Whitewright account.

Ms. Wilson will discuss with the Registry office to assure that a cash flow problem is not created. Ms. Wilson reported that the MasterCard and Visa transactions will be handled through the Whitewright office until a smooth transfer could be accomplished. This transfer will probably require a Point of Sale modem to be installed in the Registry Office. This modem would assure accuracy and after training, make it less difficult for the Registry Office to make immediate deposits of funds to the Association account.

Ms. Wilson share copies of letters to members relating to registry and membership issues, strictly for information.

Director Masters reported that he had received a phone inquiry. The member wanted to know if goats sold from Canada to the United States must be registered with the Canadian Association prior to registration with ABGA. The Board responded that the Rules for Registry do require that those Goats be registered with the appropriate Canadian authority prior to registration in the United States.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Schwartz reported that the **Rules and Registry Committee** had not been able to met since the last board meeting. Establishing the international registry will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee. Mr. Schwartz reported that he had received numerous requests regarding the time frame for transfer of an animals registration. It was suggested that the 30 day time limit may be to restrictive. Considering the comments motion was made and seconded "to extend the time for transfer of animals from 30 days to 90 days prior to the doubling of fees." The vote was called and the motion carried

Mr. Schwartz continued with a report on the DNA testing project from Norman Kohls and Dr. Joe Templeton.

Since **Show Committee** Chair Joe Raff was unable to attend President Whitehead reviewed those rules. Motion was made and seconded to make the following changes, deletions and additions in the rules. The vote was called and the motion carried. Additions are underlined. Deletions are shown by brackets.

7. Identification of Goats. All goats must have a legible tattoo [two forms of I.D. (ie ear tag, tattoo, microchip and/or ear notch)] to be granted acceptance in the NBGSS and this [these] I.D.[s] must match the registration papers of said goat at the time of check in. Goats that are not in compliance with this rule will not be granted acceptance to the NBGSS.

9. Judging. The Judges decision will be final and any protests regarding these decisions must be in made in writing with a \$100.00 non refundable fee mailed to the Central Office of ABGA at P O Box 140615, Austin, Texas 78714.

10. Open Show, time change to 10:00 am for Percentages and Fullbloods

Junior Show, time change to 10:00 am for shows.

13. Fitting The fitting of hair of all animals will be left up to the discretion of each exhibitor. [For the exception of] Artificial color, hair or hair like substances and the use of drugs and or chemicals that are not approved by the FDA and/or USDA are prohibited. If an exhibitor's animal is found to have been dyed the said animal will be disqualified from the show and the said exhibitor will be barred from future National Shows and Sales.

The exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by him/her to inspection by any veterinarian appointed by the Board of Directors and agrees to have such animal submitted to such tests as may be requested. NBGSS also reserves the right to have D.N.A., blood and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian and analyses shall be final and conclusive without recourse against NBGSS or any officer, director or employee thereof or any veterinarian as appointed by the NBGSS. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he might have or any action taken under this rule and releases NBGSS and the veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of the veterinarian.

In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the Board of Directors is authorized to permanently bar the exhibitor and his or her family from any further participation in the NBGSS. Reinstatement of anyone barred may be made only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. If any prizes have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Management will immediately request the return of all prizes.

All testing required by the National Boer Goat Show and Sale will be paid for by the NBGSS.

15. [The top 10 goats can be eligible to sell in the Fullblood divisions 9-10.] Only three (3) goats will be eligible to sell in the Fullblood Divisions 9-10. If one of the [goats] winners in the top three does not wish to sell, the goat next in the show order will be eligible to sell. However, like the percentage goats, an animal that places in the top 10 does not have to sell and only goats that place in the top ten will be allowed in the sale.

At the conclusion of each class all exhibitors must notify the superintendent to declare their goat eligible for the 1996 National Sale. This will be recorded in the Official Sale Book. If an exhibitor declares a goat for sale and doesn't sell that animal through the official sale, the exhibitor will be assessed a fine equal to but not greater than 5% of the average sale price in that division.

A. The National Boer Goat Sale will begin promptly at 1 pm June 23, 1996. The sale order will be posted in the sale area by 8 am June 23, 1996 so exhibitors can make preparations to sell their goats.

D. All conditions of the sale are final and between the seller and the buyer. All buyers will, upon purchase, pay for all entries they bought by 5 pm June 23, 1996. If for any reason a buyer does not pay for the entry they purchased through the said sale by 5 pm, June 23, 1996, the said entry becomes property of the seller.

16. Entry Fees.

Open Show Entry Fee (any group) \$20.00

17. Substitution. Substitutions of animals will be allowed up to the day of check in. Substitutions made will pay a \$5.00 substitution charge. Substitutions must be made during check in. All substitutions must be registered in the entrant's name by May 1, 1996.

20. All [out of state] goats must be accompanied by a Health Certificate from a certified vet, before acceptance to the show is granted.

22. Any fire and safety rules of the facility (East Texas State Fair Grounds) take precedence over show rules.

Motion was made and seconded to invite S. W. "Boetie" Malan, P. W. Henderson and Joe David Ross to be the Judges for the NBGSS. After discussion the vote was called and the motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded that ABGA donate the Jr. ABGA a showmanship buckle not exceed \$250.00 in price. After discussion the vote was called and the motion carried.

Executive Director Wilson, was asked to investigate the cost of inviting Kearney and Company to do the computer work and report back at the February Meeting.

The Board of Directors discussed the request of the show committee to reimburse the direct expenses of the committee to work the show. The consensus of the Board was that the committee would not be reimbursed. Their involvement would be on a volunteer basis.

Motion was made and seconded to pay the airfare/ground transportation, sleeping rooms, food expenses and give each judge a custom made wooden briefcase in lieu of a fee. After discussion the vote was called and the motion carried.

Mr. Lynch was asked to check with the Jr. ABGA regarding a briefcase for their judge. He will report back in February.

Motion was made and seconded to ask Mr. James Barton to be the Superintendent of the Show, offering him mileage at \$.30 per mile, a sleeping room and reimbursement meals. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Motion was made to offer the two ring stewards sleeping rooms and reimbursement on meals. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Motion was made to use the same type of awards and banners the 1995 show. ^{asin} Vote was called and the motion carried.

The committee with assistance from staff will ask for bids on the products.

An official photographer will be appointed for the Show and Sale.

Chair Masters reviewed the **Convention Committee** report. He requested approval on Meeting Fees. Motion was made and seconded to charge members \$100.00 and non members \$125.00. After discussion the motion was amended to charge members \$75.00 and non members \$100.00, adding that Jr. members would participate in meal functions for free and that non member Jr.s over the age of 12 would be required to pay for meals. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Lynn Farmer presented the **Ennobled Herd Book Committee** report. After lengthy discussion motion was made to table the suggestions of the committee until February's meeting. The vote was called and the motion carried.

In Chairman Smith's absence, President Whitehead presented the **Sanctioned Show** committee report. He reported that the Association had secured a sanctioned show in connection with the West Texas State Fair at no cost to the Association. Mr. Smith recommends that ABGA sanction the Boer Goat Show at the Texas State Fair, October, 1996. Motion was made and seconded to support that show by forwarding \$2,500.00 to the Fair. Motion was made and seconded to recommend the following judges to the state fair: Charles Turner, Don Smith, Ronald Blessing, Norman Kohls, M.D. Shurley.

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Mr. Whitehead reported that the Missouri State Fair Executive Committee is meeting currently and a report on their decision regarding a Boer Goat Show would be available at the February meeting.

In the absence of Chairperson Beck, Linnelle Wilson reviewed the request of the **Advertising and Promotion Committee** to participate in the International Market Place at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Motion was made and seconded to approve the \$200.00 fee for booth space in the hall.

Motion was made and seconded to table the remainder of the agenda to the next board meeting. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linnelle Wilson
for Margie Oosterman